Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-46 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Peter Kraguljac (reg. no. 35,520) on 7/2/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims

1. (Currently Amended)   A computer security system, comprising:

at least one self-managed device having an authentication system for controlling

access to the self-managed device by a user; [[and]]

an activation module to display a listing of one or more self-managed devices

and to receive a selection of a selected self-managed device from the listing; and

a security module adapted to authenticate an identity of the user and, in

response to user authentication, automatically generate, transparently to the user,

device credential data verifiable by the authentication system <u>of the selected self-managed device</u> to enable user access to the <u>selected</u> self-managed device.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer security system, comprising:

means for controlling user access to a self-managed device; [[and]]

<u>means for displaying a listing of one or more self-managed devices and for receiving a selection of a selected self-managed device from the listing; and</u>

means for authenticating an identity of the user and, in response to user authentication, automatically generating, transparently to the user, device credential data verifiable by the controlling means <u>of the selected self-managed device</u> to enable user access to the <u>selected</u> self-managed device.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer security method, comprising:

authenticating an identity of a user; [[and]]

<u>displaying a listing of one or more self-managed devices that have an associated authentication system; and</u>

<u>in response to receiving a selection of a selected self-managed device from the listing,</u> automatically generating transparently to the user, in response to user authentication, device credential data verifiable by an authentication system of [[a]] <u>the</u>

selected self-managed device to enable user access to the selected self-managed device.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer security system, comprising:

a security module executable by a processor, the security module ~~adapted~~ configured to access credential data to verify an identity of a user; and

an activation/deactivation module accessible via a networked administration client, the activation/deactivation module ~~adapted~~ configured to interface with the security module to:

> display a listing of one or more self-managed devices that have an associated authentication system and to receive a selection of a selected self-managed device from the listing; and

> in response to a request by the administration client, to activate, transparently to the user, an authentication system of [[a]] the selected self-managed device to control user access to the selected self-managed device.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer network security system, comprising:

a security module ~~adapted~~ configured to automatically generate, transparently to a user, device credential data verifiable by an authentication system of a selected self-managed device to enable user access to the selected self-managed device; and

an activation/deactivation module ~~adapted~~ configured to receive a request from the user to automatically activate the authentication system of the selected self-managed device including:

displaying a listing of one or more self-managed devices that have an associated

authentication system; and

receiving a selection from the displayed listing where the selection represents the

selected self-managed device.

37. (Currently Amended) A computer security method, comprising:

authenticating an identity of a user; [[and]]

displaying a listing of one or more self-managed devices that have an associated

authentication system;

receiving a selection from the displayed listing where the selection represents the

selected self-managed device; and

if the identity is successfully authenticated, generating and transmitting,

transparently to the user, device credential data to [[a]] the self-managed

device for authentication by the selected self-managed device to enable

the user to access the selected self-managed device.

42. (Currently Amended) An electronic device, comprising:

a self-managed device disposed within the electronic device and configured to

manage user access to the self-managed device; [[and]]

an activation module to display a listing of one or more self-managed devices

that include an associated authentication system, and to receive a

selection of a selected self-managed device from the listing; and

a security module disposed within a basic input/output system (BIOS) of the

electronic device and, in response to user authentication, configured to

automatically generate, transparently to the user, device credential data

verifiable by an authentication system of the selected self-managed

device.

Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title has been changed to read:

-- SYSTEM, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSPARENTLY GRANTING

ACCESS TO A SELECTED DEVICE USING AN AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED

CREDENTIAL --

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Samar, US 7,150,038, teaches a single sign on system that involves accessing

an application by first authenticating a user, then automatically generating the password

required for accessing the application if the password does not yet exist, and finally

using the generated password to gain access to the application.

Vaughan, US 4,800,590, teaches a system for accessing a host computer by first

entering a personal identification number (PIN), comparing the entered PIN with a

stored PIN, and if a match occurs, generating a password using a pseudo-random

number sequence with a time signal from a clock.

The prior art of record do not teach or suggest individually or in combination

displaying a listing of one or more self-managed devices and receiving a selection of a

selected self-managed device from the listing thereby allowing to device to be

transparently accessed without requiring the user to input an access credential.

The declarations filed on 3/12/2008 under 37 CFR 1.131 is sufficient to overcome

the Yeates US 2005/0125698 reference.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to JAWEED A. ABBASZADEH whose telephone number is

(571)270-1640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m.-5:00

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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